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- 1. One of the problems confronting the Communist Party of Peru in the approaching municipal elections has been whether or not to unite formally in a pact with several political groups known collectively as the Coalicion Democratica in a common effort to defeat the Apristas.
- 2. On 12 March a preliminary meeting between Communist leaders and a representative of one of these groups, the Union Revolucionaria, was actually held for the purpose of drawing up such a pact. According to its terms, the latter agreed to support the Communists in exchange for support in the elections of other municipalities.
- The pact was never signed. In a three-hour meeting on 30 March of the Political Commaission of the Central Committee of the Communist Party and the regional secretaries of the Party, the Communists agreed to play a lone game end to pin their hopes of beating the Apristas on the time element unexpectedly furnished by the postponement of the final date for registration of voters. By an all-out campaign to register voters, they hoped to be able to make a contest of the election, which they admitted would not have been the case had the closing date remained unchanged. Furthermore, by cooperating with other groups, the Communists felt they would be furnishing the Apristas with a charge they were reserving for the Apristas themselves, namely, that they had sold out to the rightists.

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